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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of varying gloss in hard copy output from a hard copy output engine comprises:
providing a user with a user-adjustable control for varying hard copy output gloss; ~~[[and]]~~
varying at least one processing parameter in producing the hard copy output in response to user adjustment of the user-adjustable control to provide a first user-selected gloss level over a first portion of a page of hard copy output~~[[.]]~~; and
wherein varying at least one parameter includes varying at least one parameter chosen from a list consisting of: Nip Geometry; Auxiliary Heat; or Number of Passes.
2. (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sensing achieved gloss levels in hard copy output from the hard copy output engine; and
varying at least one processing parameter in producing the hard copy output in response to both the sensed achieved gloss level and user adjustment of the user-adjustable control.
3. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein varying gloss in hard copy output includes varying gloss in a hard copy output engine that employs dry powdered material as for pigmentation of the hard copy medium.

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4. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein varying at least one parameter includes supplying a gloss modification agent to the hard copy medium during generation of the hard copy output.
5. (Canceled).
6. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein providing a user with a user-adjustable control includes providing a user with a user-adjustable control allowing page-to-page adjustment of achieved gloss levels.
7. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein varying at least one parameter includes varying at least one parameter to provide the first user-selected gloss level over the first portion of the page of hard copy output and to provide a second user-selectable gloss level over a second portion of the page.
8. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for varying gloss in hard copy output from a hard copy output engine comprising:
a user interface facilitating user-adjustable variation of hard copy output gloss; ~~[[and]]~~
a control mechanism configured to vary at least one processing parameter in producing the hard copy output in response to user adjustment of the user-adjustable control to provide a first user-selected gloss level over a first portion of a page of hard copy output~~[[.]]~~; and wherein varying at least one parameter includes varying at least one parameter chosen from a list consisting of: Nip Geometry; Auxiliary Heat; or Number of Passes.

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9. (Original): The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:
a sensor for sensing achieved gloss levels in hard copy output from the hard copy output engine; and
wherein the control mechanism configured to vary includes a control mechanism configured to vary at least one processing parameter in producing the hard copy output in response to both the sensed achieved gloss level and user adjustment of the user-adjustable control.
10. (Original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the hard copy output engine employs dry powdered material as for pigmentation of the hard copy medium
11. (Original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the control mechanism configured to vary includes a control mechanism configured to supply a gloss modification agent to the hard copy medium during generation of the hard copy output.
12. (Canceled).
13. (Original): The apparatus; of claim 8, wherein the user interface includes a user interface configured to provide a user with a user-adjustable control allowing page-to-page adjustment of achieved gloss levels.
14. (Original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the user interface includes a user interface configured to provide the first user-selected gloss level over the first portion of the page of hard copy output and to provide a second user-selectable gloss level over a second portion of the page.

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15. (Currently Amended): A computer implemented control system for a hard copy output engine, the system comprising processing circuitry coupled to the hard copy output engine and configured to:
provide a user interface configured to facilitate user-adjustable variation of hard copy output gloss; ~~[[and]]~~
vary at least one processing parameter in producing the hard copy output in response to user adjustment of the user-adjustable control to provide a first user-selected gloss level over a first portion of a page of hard copy output~~[[.]]~~; and
wherein varying at least one parameter includes varying at least one parameter chosen from a list consisting of: Nip Geometry; Auxiliary Heat; or Number of Passes.
16. (Original): The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to vary at least one processing parameter comprises a processor configured to sense achieved gloss levels in hard copy output from the hard copy output engine; and
vary at least one processing parameter in producing the hard copy output in response to both the sensed achieved gloss level and user adjustment of the user-adjustable control.
17. (Original): The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to vary at least one processing parameter comprises a processor configured to supply a gloss modification agent to the hard copy medium during generation of the hard copy output.
18. (Canceled).

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19. (Original): The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor configured vary at least one processing parameter comprises a processor configured to provide a user with a user-adjustable control allowing page-to-page adjustment of achieved gloss levels.
20. (Original): The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to vary at least one processing parameter comprises a processor configured to provide the first user-selected gloss level over the first portion of the page of hard copy output and to provide a second user-selectable gloss level over a second portion of the page.